

# The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists



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The Honorable Senator Jonathan A. Harris, Chair  
The Honorable Representative Elizabeth B. Ritter Chair  
Joint Committee on Public Health  
Room 3000, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Harris, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

This letter is in reference to possible legislation that would regulate and license health care practitioners in Nuclear Medicine Technology. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) is pleased to remark on the effort for Connecticut to join 27 other states that offer patients the safety of knowing that their Nuclear Medicine Technologist (NMT) has completed a rigorous process and is licensed by the state.

ARRT is a national, certification organization which develops and administers standards to assess the qualifications of individuals in medical imaging and radiation therapy. ARRT was founded in 1922 and currently registers individuals as Registered Technologists (R.T.s) in 14 disciplines. A number of state licensing laws, including Connecticut's, rely on ARRT examination scores for the issuance of state licenses in radiography [(R.T. (R) (ARRT) and radiation therapy (R.T.s, (T)(ARRT)]. ARRT has been administering exams in Connecticut since 1994. In addition to certifying 290,000 technologists nationwide, ARRT certifies 4,000 R.T.s in your state. Our Nuclear Medicine Technologist exams are fully valid and reliable and are accredited by the National Commission on Certifying Agencies (NCCA).

The people of Connecticut deserve the guarantee that those health care professionals who administer ionizing radiation to them have completed a process of education and training that ARRT, through its R.T. (N) (ARRT) credential, and the Nuclear Medicine Technologists Certifying Board, through its CNMT credential, provide. Assurance that NMTs complete regular continuing education courses and are subject to a thorough standard of ethics is an important part of the assertion that patients are receiving high quality care.

If you need facts or figures on the state of NMTs, or R.T.s generally, please contact the ARRT Director of Government Affairs, Eric Grier. His number is 651-687-0048 ext 3138 and [eric.grier@arrt.org](mailto:eric.grier@arrt.org).

Thanks for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Executive Director

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*Promoting High Standards of Patient Care by Recognizing Qualified Individuals in  
in Diagnostic Medical Imaging, Interventional Procedures, and Radiation Therapy.*